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MISSOULA.....

Four University of Montana women's track team members and their coach will attend the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women's National Track meet in Hayward, California, this weekend. The AIAW National meet will be held on the campus of Hayward State.

The UM group drove to Spokane Tuesday night, then boarded a plane Wednesday morning to complete the journey to the central California city.

Montana's competitors are Mindy Sharp, Alice Brinkerhoff, Betsy McDonald and Paula Smith. They will be accompanied by Coach Zona Lindemann.

Sharp, a Hot Springs junior, will compete in the 220 and 440-yard dash events. Her respective best times are 25.6 and 57.6. In last year's 440, Sharp placed sixth. The 1972 winning time was 56.4 and Sharp stands an excellent chance to place high this year.

Brinkerhoff, a junior from Missoula, will compete in the 440- and the 880-yard run. Her personal bests are 59.1 and 2:19.8, respectively. Brinkerhoff represented UM at the Nationals last year in Knoxville, Tenn.

A freshman, McDonald is also from Missoula. McDonald will run in the 3000 meters and the mile. Her best time in the 3000 is 11:28.2 and she has a 5:45.9 mile to her credit.

Smith, a sophomore, hails from Pomona, California. She will compete in the javelin event. Her best throw this year is 120 feet, 7 inches.

Qualifying standards are based on the average eighth place finish over several years. Standards for the respective events are: 220, 28.0; 440, 67.8; 880, 2:40.9; mile, 6:06.6; 3000 meters, none; javelin, 109 feet, 6 inches.

Trials and semi-finals are scheduled Friday with the finals to be run on Saturday.

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